Personnel.

5. Recently, I availed myself of two months' privilege leave from the 3rd November 1930, and Mr. A. Venkatarama Aiyar, Judge, High Court, acted as Dewan during the period. Since we last met, there have been some changes in the higher ranks of the service. Mr. Alfred Vipan reverted to the British service after three years of useful work here as Chief Engineer. We have been fortunate in securing as his successor Mr. J. S. Westerdale whose experience as Sanitary Engineer will be particularly helpful in our schemes of water supply and drainage. The services of Mr. E. G. McAlpine have been secured on loan from the Government of Mysore as Director of Public Instruction for a term of three years. The Devaswom Commissionership, left vacant by the sad and untimely death of Mr. O. S. Ramaswamy Aiyar, has been filled by the appointment of Mr. R. Venkatarama Dikshitar. Mr. N. Nilakanta Pillai has been appointed Dewan Peishkar and District Magistrate in the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. S. K. Mahadeva Aiyar. Mr. K. N. Ramasubba Aiyar, who has relinquished the State service, has been succeeded by Mr. R. Nilakanta Pillai as Chief Account Officer and *ex-officio* Financial Secretary to Government. Dr. K. Sankara Menon, the Director of Ayurveda, retired from the service at the end of Kumbham 1105. Mr. S. C. H. Robinson, Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner, having proceeded on combined leave for seven months from the 1st Kumbhom 1106, Mr. R. Krishna Pillai, Dewan Peishkar, Quilon, has been appointed to act for him and Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar, Secretary to Government, has been appointed to act as Dewan Peishkar at Quilon.

Financial Position.

6. In 1105 we estimated for a revenue of Rs. 248·07 lakhs and an expenditure out of revenue of Rs. 244·94 lakhs, resulting in a surplus of Rs. 3·13 lakhs. We actually realised Rs. 247·23 lakhs and spent therefrom Rs. 240·31 lakhs, the surplus being Rs. 6·92 lakhs. The revenue of the year was less than that of 1104 by Rs. 3·93 lakhs, while the expenditure exceeded that of the previous year by Rs. 12·51 lakhs. Capital receipts from the assignment of lands amounted to Rs. 4·43 lakhs and the capital expenditure not charged to revenue was Rs. 15·91 lakhs. The net result was that the Government Balance which stood at Rs. 170·13 lakhs at the beginning of the year was reduced to Rs. 165·57 lakhs at its close. The fluid balance in cash and gilt-edged securities which stood at Rs. 271·99 lakhs at the beginning of the year became Rs. 267·61 lakhs at its close.

Compared with the revenue of 1104, there was a marked fall of Rs. 2·08 lakhs under Land Revenue. This was the result of the postponement of the collection of tax on *Kandukrishi* lands. The working of the railway from Shencotta to Trivandrum resulted in a net loss of Rs. 0·11 of a lakh. Stamps and Registration brought in less receipts